

of property tax would be held for the first two years only if any single which might prove to be a problem in a sandhill county or two achieved a tax rate of over 10% on adjusted gross. It could be referred to a backup of property for two years in case there were any special problems with the bill. I feel this backup guarantees that nothing can exist under the bill that is more unjust than the present property tax system where today some landlords have been caught paying property taxes that were in excess of their adjusted gross income. I think it's time we start looking at the system for supporting education. The only reason we have it is it was started in Nebraska over 100 years ago and might have been an equitable system now but has no relationship on ability to pay and is no viable support for the system of education. In the east coast, it was started probably over 150 years ago and we have followed a system that has developed into one of the most unworkable, regressive, impossible systems and I think it's time we stopped patching the system and go with the bill that will give a viable and able supportive system for education. It's about 2/3 of our local property tax across the state. The concept I got from Dr. Bert Evans who had worked on outstate workshops approximately 10 years ago. After these workshops, he put out questionnaires as to what the people thought was a fair system of education. They answered, they wanted local taxation. The only reason we can't have a local income tax is because the Legislature has previously has not given the authority for the local subdivision to provide an income tax. Second, they wanted an income tax without loopholes. We feel we have provided this as close as we can working with the federal return so it can be adequately disciplined. Third, they wanted everybody to pay or as nearly as possible everyone and to this, you have to go to adjusted gross with minimum deductions and you will have at least 90% of the people paying into it so the system will be accountable. I feel that as you look over adjusted gross even though it's a flat rate tax, it is not anywhere near as regressive a tax as what the present combination of property and sales tax amounts to. I would like to at this time, if there are questions on the bill refer to answering questions that might be on this bill, as to the inputs of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Lewis, Chair will recognize you.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 192 until January 20, 1978.

SENATOR MARVEL: The motion is in order.

CLERK: I move to bracket LB 192 until January 20, 1978.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, this is by no means an attempt to kill Senator Burrows' bill. I could have done that with a kill motion or attempted to. I believe that the research, the information Senator Burrows has done a good job in the last two or three years and I want to compliment him on it, this particular approach. I don't believe we have the information available, the system worked out where we could logically and reasonably pass the bill at this time. I did not make the motion to kill the bill, Senator Burrows, on that basis. I believe that until we can get the necessary information, get the necessary input of how this really affects each and every district that it would be premature to spend a great deal of